Welcome New Comets
ORIENTATION 2017
Graduate Education at UT Dallas

Overview, Getting Started
&
Where to Ask for Help
The Office of Graduate Studies

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Graduate Programs at UT Dallas

- 30 Doctoral Programs
- 60 Masters Programs
- Graduate Enrollment – 9,491 in May 2017, which constitutes 35% of total university enrollment
As reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. 2012-2013 is preliminary. Projections based on Strategic Plan.
Succeeding in Graduate School

- For an excellent resource on strategies for success in multiple languages, see http://www.studygs.net/index.htm
Getting Started

- Contact your academic advisor
  http://www.utdallas.edu/admissions/graduate/degrees/
- Consider whether you need to transfer any coursework
- Get to know the catalogue - http://catalog.utdallas.edu/
Sources for Guidance

• Faculty Instructors
• Research or Teaching Supervisors
• Program Heads
Other Sources of Help

Your Associate Dean for Graduate Studies

- Kim Knight, School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication
- John Gooch, School of Arts and Humanities
- Bob Stillman, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences
- Alex Piquero, School of Economic, Policy, and Political Sciences
- Poras Balsara, Interim Dean, Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science
- George Fair, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Varghese Jacob, Jindal School of Management
- Juan Gonzalez, School of Natural Science and Mathematics
Other Sources of Support for Graduate Students

- The Library
- The Student Success Center
- The Counseling Center
- Office of Student AccessAbility
- Center for Students in Recovery
- Center for Veterans Affairs
- The Career Center
- International Student Services
Other Sources of Help

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Events, Workshops and More…

• Graduate Professional Week
• Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate Series
• Research Integrity Certificate Series
• Writing workshops
• Career exploration workshops
• Finding funds workshops
• Professional development workshops
• Social events!
Top 10 Suggestions for Succeeding in Graduate School

1. Treat your graduate education like a more-than-full-time job. Show up as much as possible, to your classes and your labs and meetings and talks. Invest in developing yourself.

2. Make your graduate education your top priority: courses, research, teaching, and everything else you can learn.

3. Remember that your goal is not just to get through the program, but to gain the skills you will need to find meaningful work that you will love for the rest of your life.

4. Think clearly and deliberately about your own goals, for the day, the week, the year and your future.
Top 10 Suggestions for Succeeding in Graduate School

5. Foster relationships, with peers, supervisors, and professional contacts. Learn from and support others. The worlds of academia and industry are small. Never burn bridges.

6. Acknowledge the contributions of others and respect different disciplines.

7. Learn to write a lot.

8. Work steadily, nihil nimus, have a life outside of work. If you are not having fun, you are not doing it right.
Top 10 Suggestions for Succeeding in Graduate School

9. Take your own ideas seriously, don’t worry about trends, and persist in the face of negative feedback. View criticism as others helping you make your work even better.

10. Have the courage to try novel methods, in your research, your teaching, and in your daily work life.
Questions

We look forward to working with you.

Office of Graduate Studies

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www.utdallas.edu/ogs
Online Functions

Galaxy and Orion
utdallas.edu/galaxy

Calendars
Academic
Payment
Refund and Schedule
Comet
Registration

Galaxy - enrollment appointments
Advisor
Walk-in registration
MyEdu.com
Bursar
Assess, bill and collect tuition and fees.
Answer questions about accounts.
Short-term loans.

Financial Aid
Financial aid disbursements to student bursar accounts begin the first day of class of each term.

View account status at utdallas.edu/ezpay
University Bookstore
utdallas.edu/bookstore

UT Dallas gear and textbooks
- Order online, pick up at store.
- Save 25 percent on used textbooks.

Post Office

Technology Store
- Discounted software.
- Computer accessories.
- Located in the Visitor Center and University Bookstore.
DART bus
Shuttle bus service on- and off-campus (limited area - 883).

Shuttle stops at Walmart (Friday/Saturday) and Collin Creek Mall (Monday-Sunday).

Passes available to all registered students (includes bus and rail).

Order online, pick up at the Parking Office (Parking Structure 3 1.214).

Zipcar
Car sharing available for students age 18+.
$8-10 hourly rate.
Includes gas, insurance and up to 180 miles.

Zagster Bike Share
$15 annual fee.
$1 hourly rate ($8 for a maximum of 24 hours).
Free for any ride under one hour.

Parking
Parking permits
Comet Cabs

Booster Fuels
On-demand fuel delivery.
Student AccessAbility

utdallas.edu/studentaccess

Services
Academic accommodations for students with documented physical, mental or sensory disability
Resource and referral information
Advocacy and support

Office
SSB 3.200
972-883-2098
Staff
Administrative Director
Full-time Physician - Medical Director
Physician Assistant
Nurse Practitioners
Women’s Nurse Practitioner
Registered Nurses
Licensed Vocational Nurse
Certified Medical Assistants
Patient Care Specialists
Health Insurance Coordinator

Services
Diagnosis and treatment of acute illnesses, minor injuries, stabilized chronic illnesses, allergy injections, pharmacy services, limited onsite radiology services and dental screening.

Online appointment scheduling
utdallas.edu/healthcenter

Insurance
Available at utdallas.edu/insurance
Promotes health, fitness and responsible personal choices through group programs and individual consultations

**Programs and Topics**
- Nutrition and registered dietitian
- Comet Voice: bystander intervention
- Alcohol and other drugs
- Sexual responsibility
- Men’s and women’s health
- Suicide prevention
- Stress management
- Healthy relationships
- Homesickness
- Roommate issues
Confidential, free services for students in a safe, culturally affirming setting.

**Services**
Individual, group, and couple counseling. Better manage anxiety, depression, and other mental health concerns. Explore and gain awareness around identities and relationships.

**Staff**
Licensed psychologists, psychiatrist, and other mental health providers.
Center for Students in Recovery

Services
- Addiction recovery counseling.
- Assessments.
- 12-step meetings.
- SMART recovery.
- Eating disorder support group.
- Sober social events.
- Service opportunities.
- Students for Recovery (Student Organization).

Contact CSR
For more information, call 972-883-7320.
recovery@utdallas.edu
Services
Career advising.
Career interest assessments.
Resume assistance.
Mock interview training.
On-campus job interviews.
Job listings (on- and off-campus).

Programs
Career seminars.
Career expos/fairs.
Explore the WOW! job shadowing.
Internships.
Employer networking events.
The Galerstein Gender Center is a campus resource that fosters a safe and inclusive environment by advocating for gender equity and diversity through leadership development, education, programs, and services.

- Advocate for gender equity and inclusive campus policies and practices.
- Educate the campus and broader community on gender and LGBT+ related topics.
- Empower women and LGBT+ communities with confidence and skills for success.
- Connect students, staff, faculty and community to resources, mentors, scholarships, internships and volunteer opportunities.
- Honor and celebrate national days of recognition and individuals who are making an impact in the lives of girls, women and LGBT+ communities.
Promotes cultural awareness on campus and provides an area for students to meet and dialogue.

**Cultural celebrations**
- Asian American Heritage Month
- Black History Month
- European Heritage Celebration
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Native American Heritage Celebration

**Programs**
- Multicultural Peer Advocates
- Diversity Merit Scholars
- Diversity Dinner Dialogues
Military and Veteran Center
utdallas.edu/veterans

SSA 14.250
972-883-4913

Supports students who served in the military, are currently serving in the military (active duty, National Guard, Reserves), ROTC cadets and military family members in areas such as:

> Academic success.
> Professional development.
> Networking.
> Campus navigation.

Provides students access to information about federal and state benefits, financial aid, scholarship and veterans’ support services.

Center includes lounge, study area and computing stations.
UT Dallas at a Glance

Get Involved

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Dean Of Graduate Studies
UT Dallas at a Glance
Dean of Students
UT Dallas Police
Life as a Comet
Student Government

utdallas.edu/sg

Representative body and voice of UT Dallas students.

Services include:

- Legal counsel.
- Comet Discount Program.
- DART passes.
- Online ticket appeals.
Homefest celebration.
Events, bands, comedians, speakers, splatter dance, casino night.
Springapalooza.
Meteor Theater.
Mainstream, classic and blockbuster films.
Cosmic film festival, drive-in movies, Cinematheque, cinema camp workshops.
Spirit programs include Cheerleaders, Power Dancers and the UT Dallas mascot, Temoc.

- Cheerleaders and Power Dancers appear at home basketball and volleyball games, and various campus and community events.
- Compete at NCA Collegiate Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship in Daytona, FL.
330+ student organizations

- Academic interest
- Art and music
- Club Sports
- Cultural
- Departmental/educational
- Greek
- Honor
- Political
- Recreation
- Religious
- Service
- Special interest
- Sponsored
26 active organizations

- Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- Alpha Lambda Mu Fraternity
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
- Beta Chi Theta Fraternity
- Chi Phi Fraternity
- Delta Delta Delta Sorority
- Delta Epsilon Psi Fraternity
- Delta Kappa Delta Sorority
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- Delta Tau Delta Fraternity
- Delta Zeta Sorority
- Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity
- Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority
- Kappa Delta Chi Sorority
- Kappa Sigma Fraternity
- Lambda Theta Phi Fraternity
- Omega Delta Phi Fraternity
- Phi Delta Theta Fraternity
- Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
- Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority
- Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority
- Sigma Phi Omega Sorority
- Sigma Sigma Rho Sorority

Fraternity and Sorority Life

utdallas.edu/gogreek
Heart of the campus community.
Pool tables, games, TV and study lounges.
Evening child care available.
Year-round group volunteer events, including:

- Volunteer Expo.
- Viva Volunteer.
- National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.
- Alternative Spring Break Program.
- National Volunteer Week.
- UT Dallas Earth Week.
- UT Dallas Community Garden Program.
- Butterfly Flutterby Monarch Waystation.
- Operation Upcycle.
- Donation drives.
- Advocacy and awareness activities.
- OSV Student Leadership Program.
Open seven days a week.

**Indoor Facilities**

Activity Center - racquetball, squash, and basketball courts.

- Fitness center and programs.
- Pool and aquatics program.
- Climbing wall.
- Lockers and equipment checkout.
- Multipurpose fitness room.
Recreational Sports
utdallas.edu/recsports

Recreation Center West
- Fitness center and programs.
- Gym courts for badminton and volleyball.
- Multipurpose fitness room.

Outdoor Facilities
- Basketball courts.
- Soccer fields.
- Tennis courts.
- Disc golf course.
- Multipurpose fields.
- Sand volleyball courts.
Sports

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS**
Compete against other UT Dallas students in leagues and tournaments such as flag football, soccer, tennis, dodgeball and more.

**CLUB SPORTS**
Student-run organizations that travel and compete against other schools regionally and nationally.
Varsity Athletics
cometsports.utdallas.edu

Golf

Basketball

Softball

Volleyball

Soccer

Cross Country

Baseball

Tennis
Road Warriors serves the commuter student population by providing information, resources and social programs.

**Services**
- Point of contact for commuter students.
- Socialize with commuter students.
- Campus involvement information.
- Road Warriors email list.

**Contact Information**
972-883-6171
roadwarriors@utdallas.edu
SSA 14.431
Experience Dallas

- **Free Trips**
  (Includes tickets and transportation)
  Past events have included the Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas Stars hockey game and Lion King, the musical

- **Free Dart Transit Passes**

- **Discounted Tickets from the Comet Card Office**
  Fort Worth Zoo, Dallas World Aquarium, Six Flags Over Texas and more.
Learn about upcoming campus events and activities

**UT Dallas homepage**
utdallas.edu

**Comet Calendar**
utdallas.edu/calendar

**Temoc’s Facebook**
facebook.com/temocwhoosh

**Temoc’s Instagram**
instagram.com/official_temoc

**OrgSync**
utdallas.edu/orgsync
Dean of Students
Why are we here?

FERPA
Student Code of Conduct
Student Intervention
Comet Voice
Sexual Misconduct
FERPA
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
utdallas.edu/legal/ferpa

Right to inspect and review.
Right to seek to amend records.
Right over the disclosure of information from education records.
Someone said the dean wants to see you...

Your logic makes the puppy sad.
Student Intervention

- Referrals.
- Process.
- Outcomes and consequences.
Academic Dishonesty
Academic Dishonesty

- Devalues your degree.
- Zero tolerance.

Don’t be afraid to be that person

- Ask questions.
- Identify expectations with professor.
Sexual Misconduct

UT Dallas’ Response to Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Harassment

- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
- Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act.
- Clery Act amendments.
Sexual Harassment
- Unwelcome sexual advances.
- Request for sexual favors.
- Verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature.

Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Assault
- Non-consensual sexual contact, non-consensual sexual intercourse or sexual exploitation.

Stalking
- Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause that person to feel fear for his or her safety or the safety of others.

Dating/Domestic Violence
- Crime of violence committed by a current or former intimate partner of a victim by a person that is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim in the past, or by someone who has a child with the victim.
Two separate courses designed to educate all students about sexual assault prevention and address the misuse of alcohol for those under age 21.

- Will receive an email via your UT Dallas account.
- Modules must be completed prior to the 8th week of class.
- Failure to complete the modules may result in a hold placed on your student account.
An employee of the University who has the duty to report incidents of sexual misconduct to the Title IX coordinator or other appropriate designee, or an employee whom an individual could reasonably believe has this duty.

- Includes all administrators, faculty, supervisory staff, Residence Life staff and graduate teaching assistants.
- Does not include staff in the Student Health Center, Student Counseling Center and counselors in the Women’s Center.
- Responsible Employees are required to report details of an act of sexual misconduct that has been reported to them, including student names and other important details of the assault, to the Title IX coordinator.
Bystander intervention is recognizing a potentially harmful situation or interaction and choosing to respond in a way that could positively influence the outcome.
Bystander Intervention

What can you do?

‣ Recognize Potential Harm.
‣ Choose to Respond.
‣ Take Action.

Campus Security Authorities
Get Help

- Report to the police
  911 or UT Dallas Police, 972-883-2222
- Title IX coordinator
  James Dockery, 972-883-2292
- File a complaint/express concerns
  Dean of Students, 972-883-6391
- Counseling Center
  972-883-2575
- Student Health Center
  972-883-2747
- Campus Security Authority
Consult with your family physician.

- Send your health record to the Student Health Center, particularly if you have chronic, stabilized issues.
- Discuss with your roommate(s).

Make sure you have your insurance card with you.
For More Information

Dean of Students Office
Student Services Building, SSB 4.400
972-883-6391
dos@utdallas.edu
Police
utdallas.edu/police

State Certified Police Department
Patrol of campus grounds and facilities.
Enforcement of traffic laws on campus.
Department of jurisdiction for reported crimes.

Programs
- Self defense training for men and women.
- Crime prevention and safety programs.

Services
- Student patrol.
- Safe walk campus escorts.
- Self defense classes.
- Vehicle assists.
Emergency Management

Emergency Notification System
Email.
Text message.
Voicemail.
Campus TV screens.
Outdoor warning system.
UT Dallas homepage.
Campus lockdown.

Community Emergency Response Team
Student involvement encouraged.

Families text UTDALERT to 888777 to signup for emergency notifications.

Students signup at utdallas.edu/textme
Emergency Management

**EVACUATE** when building alarms sound
- Leave the building immediately.
- Don’t use elevators, assist the disabled.

**LOCKDOWN** when given the order
- Stay in your room or building.
- Lock or barricade doors, close blinds, turn off light.

**SEEK SHELTER** when outdoor warning sounds
- Find a safe room away from doors/windows.
- Listen for instruction from the indoor warning system.

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**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

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<td>UT Dallas Police</td>
<td>972-883-2222</td>
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<td>972-883-2420</td>
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<td>972-883-4111</td>
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